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PRESS RELEASE

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Due to the popularity of its recent Community Awareness Academies, the Placer County Sheriff's Department is again inviting citizens to participate in the seven-week course that offers an inside look at the growing law enforcement agency.

Each Tuesday evening from February 26 until April 9, participants will hear from members of the department's special units and take "field trips" to the 911 emergency dispatch center, the Placer County Jail and morgue, as well as the vehicle and boat yards.

Classes are held at the sheriff's main office in Auburn from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The academy will kick off with a welcome by top sheriff's administrators, an overview of how the department works and a tour of the dispatch center.

On subsequent nights, presentations will be made by Air Operations, Search and Rescue, boat patrol, the Explosives Ordnance Detail, the Special Enforcement Team, hostage negotiators, investigations and the drug task force. There will also be a K-9 demonstration and an opportunity for participants to join in patrol scenarios.

The academy is intended to provide the citizens of Placer County with an overview of the Sheriff Department's functions, policies and procedures, as well as getting them involved in the community. The goal of the academy is to provide a greater awareness and understanding of law enforcement's role in the community. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age and pass a preliminary background screening.

Following the academy, attendees interested in becoming a sheriff's volunteer must attend a four-night training academy and must submit to a fingerprint and background check.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is located at 11500 A Avenue in Auburn. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Community Services Officer Lynn Harrison at (530) 889-7873.

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